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SUBJECT: INTERESTED PARTY TELEGRAM: DROBOT CASE

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO F.COTTER, WESTINGHOUSE OFFICE IN WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY.

QUOTE 1. FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEARING POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16. JAIN INSTRUCTED HIS PEOPLE TO TRY TO MAKE CONCESSIONS THEIR SIDE, AS WE HAVE OUR SIDE, TO ENABLE TOTAL NUMBER SEPARATE CHARGES TO BE REDUCED TO SIMPLIFY PLEADINGS AT HEARING.

2. SATHE (LEFTIST MP) APPROACHED CHAVAN ON OUR BEHALF LAST NIGHT. CHAVAN VERY RECEPTIVE TO SATHE, BUT SAID HE WOULD BE WORRIED ABOUT MEETING US (I.E. WESTINGHOUSE REPS) FOR FEAR OF ADVERSE CRITICISM IN PARLIAMENT OR PRESS IF MEETING SHOULD LEAK OUT. NEVERTHELESS CHAVAN IMPRESSED BY SATHE'S PRESENTATION OUR CASE AND SAID WHEN MATTER REACHED HIS LEVEL HE WOULD TREAT CASE SYMPATHETICALLY. (INCIDENTALLY, CHAVAN GAVE NO "SUBVERSIVE" OR "THINGS YOU DON'T KNOW" REACTION). CHAVAN EMPHASIZED THAT CASE MUST REACH HIM FROM BELOW. THIS MAINTAINS SPECTER OF GANESH AND POINTS UP NECESSITY OF GETTING ACROSS TO SHIVARADAKRISHNAN (I.T. COMMISSIONER WHO SUCCEEDED MULHOTRA), AND MEHTA, TAX BOARD CHAIRMAN. NOW WORKING ON THIS END QUOTE.
MOYNIHAN

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED WESTINGHOUSE.

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